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Gentlemen, I have only a limited knowledge of computers but it is very apparent that Microsoft has been a very important figure in the advancement of our national growth which has been astounding and would not have reached this high level were it not for such firms as Microsoft. I feel that it is downright unfair to penalize Microsoft for its creative genius. The agreement between the Department of Justice and the nine states and Microsoft appears to be fair and any further litigation by the Attorneys General of the nine states which have not agreed to the DoJ/Microsoft agreement may be based on ulterior motives in pushing for heavier penalties. Therefore I urge the Department of Justice to not line up with the arguments of these states but instead to push for final resolution of this litigation so that Microsoft and the rest of our economy can move ahead. I feel that this issue has had a negative effect on the economy and so let's get the nation moving ahead and get this matter settled as soon as possible.

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